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To the Department of Justice;

As a concerned consumer and IT professional, I regret to see the latest actions that AOL has directed towards Microsoft; the recent lawsuit filing for anti-competitive practices. Microsoft has CONSISTENTLY met the demands of business and personal users of their software and by no stretch of any imagination have damage the environment of competition and innovation. If the Suns, Oracles, and Netscape's are unhappy with Microsoft's operating systems and affiliated suites, please pressure them to following the road of innovation to create a system of operating and suite software that competes against their rivals. That is CAPITALISM!! By asking the government to compensate one for inferior software that was unable to offer the user an experience beyond the competitor's expertise is totally ludicrous. Please listen to the real people like myself that must make a living on software that is designed to meet the demands of the consumer - simplicity and ease of operation. What is wrong with making a product better? Is bundling an antitrust issue, a scheme to allow for anti- competitiveness, or a process to make superior software that increases the users positive experience, thus allowing for greater productivity?

We need to allow our country's great companies to become even greater. By restricting a company's ability to innovate through malicious acts of jealousy from their competitors is not how we have become such a great nation. May we never forget how we got where we are today!

Very Truly Yours,
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